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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL REPORT ON HAFNIA HOTEL FIRE

REF: COPENHAGEN 1966

1. LOCAL NEWSPAPERS CARRY STORIES TODAY THAT OFFICIAL REPORT ON HAFNIA HOTEL FIRE HAS BEEN COMPLETED. IT ALLEGEDLY STATES THAT FIRE WAS PROBABLY SET BY ARSONIST BUT THAT INVESTIGATION DID NOT UNCOVER ENOUGH EVIDENCE TO CONVICT ANYONE. HIGHLY INFLAMMABLE LACQUER USED ON WALLS CAUSED FIRE TO SPREAD RAPIDLY.

2. REPORT, WHICH WENT INTO DETAIL ON CONDITION OF OTHER HOTELS IN COPENHAGEN, IS OVER 200 PAGES LONG AND IS CLASSIFIED SECRET IN ORDER TO PROTECT HOTEL BUSINESS IN DENMARK. HOWEVER, NEW LAWS NOW REQUIRE HOTELS TO MAKE THEIR ESTABLISHMENTS FIRE PROOF.

3. EMBASSY ANTICIPATES RECEIVING PERTINENT PARTS OF REPORT AS PROMISED AND WILL POUCH DEPT. AS SOON AS RECEIVED.
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